

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, our nation is built upon the principle that recognizing the inherent dignity, equality and inalienable rights of all persons is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, **Human Rights Day** is celebrated each year globally and the date was chosen to honor the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948, one of the first major achievements of the new United Nations, and it promotes awareness of human rights issues at home and around the world; and

WHEREAS, human rights violations continue to occur in various forms of discrimination, torture, bullying, incited violence, and it plagues our streets and schools nationwide, and it is imperative that we teach others, especially our youth to be advocates for human rights and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, there is a legal entitlement for every individual to have their rights respected, and an entitlement for everyone to learn what those rights are, and the theme for Human Rights Day 2015 is ***Human Rights 365*** to promote Human Rights Day every single day of the year; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the 67th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations, organizations throughout the world and in the United States will participate in various conferences, exhibitions and cultural events to educate the public on the relevance of respecting and protecting the rights of all people, and to bring awareness to the value of personally becoming advocates of tolerance and peace; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is sincere in our desire to protect human rights and is appreciative of local organizations including Youth for Human Rights Florida, a chapter of Youth for Human Rights International, for their continued efforts on behalf of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Thursday, December 10, 2015 as

"INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in working to protect the rights of all citizens.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 24th day of November, 2015



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor